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Bush ends Jamboree on highest note

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After four days of anticipation, President George W. Bush honored his National Scout Jamboree rain check in front of some 42,000 Scouts, Scout leaders and U.S. servicemembers at the Jamboree's closing ceremonies Sunday.

"I'm standing in front of America's future leaders," Bush said to chants of "U-S-A, U-S-A" that rolled across the Arena field like the thunder that forced the can-

cellation of Wednesday's scheduled visit. "If you follow your conscience and the ideals of a Scout there is no limit to what you can achieve," he said.

Introduced by Boy Scout and fellow Texan Daniel Valela, Bush delighted the crowd by noting prominent former Scouts, including himself and Vice President Dick Cheney, former President (and Eagle Scout) Gerald Ford, and "the first man I see every morning," White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card, also in attendance. In his 20-minute address, Bush offered his condolences for the four Alaskan Scout leaders killed in an electrical accident Monday and gave special thanks to Boy Scouts of America president John Cushman, Chief Scout Executive Roy L. Williams, Joint Task Force-National Scout Jamboree commander Army Maj. Gen. John A. Yingling and "all the troops who fight for our freedom."

The ceremony featured both patriotic and popular music from the 85th Division (IT) Army Reserve Band, a hip-hop show with performers from the U.S. Army Band from the Military District of Washington, a dose of banjo-picking bluegrass by the U.S. Navy band, and a laser-and-water show. Throughout the evening, the live festivities were interspersed with video clips highlighting the different phases and values of Scouting.

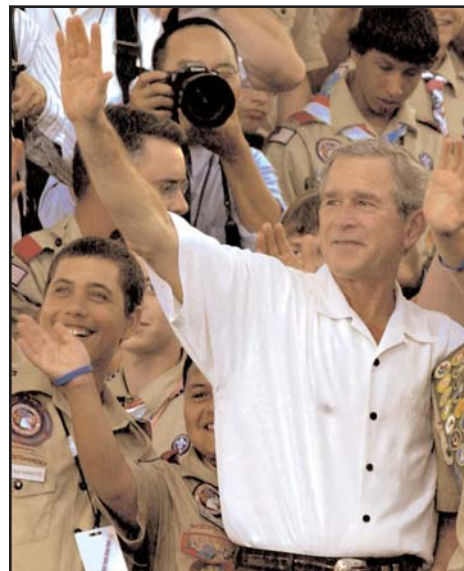


Photo by Army Sgt. Joe Morris

President George W. Bush waves to the crowd at the 2005 National Scout Jamboree closing ceremonies Sunday.

Indeed, Bush's eagerly anticipated appearance seemed to bestow a sense of both healing and triumph on a Jamboree that has had its difficult moments from Monday's tragic accident to the scores of heat casualties that occurred during Wednesday's show in the same Arena area. Even Sunday's relatively cool temperature and sheltering clouds seemed to signal that nature was on the Scouts' side this day.

The evening concluded with a fireworks celebration that combined the night's already-planned display with those unused on Wednesday. The pyrotechnics lit up the night sky with a spectacle that many said they had never seen equaled, ending the 10 days of the 2005 National Scout Jamboree in a truly unforgettable fashion.



Photo by Army Spc. Jean-Carl Bertin

The fireworks celebration at Sunday's closing ceremony was called the largest in memory.

A.P. Hill Safety and Weather Forecast



Safety



Don't become complacent as we wind down. Accidents happen when you become too eager to reach the barn house door.



Today



Partly cloudy, chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.



Tomorrow



Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Anytime you have the Commander-in-Chief come visit, that's a great thing. He was obviously aware of the shared values that the military and the Scouts have in common. He said that coming to the Jamboree gives him great confidence in the future of our nation. He went on to quote the Scout oath: "On my honor, I'll do my best." He also thanked all of you for making sure this Jamboree was a great success. The President honored those who died last week, and so do we.

When we arrived here, we made a commitment to do our best. I can unequivocally say that we have done our best. I want to thank all Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Coast Guardsmen and Department of Defense civilians for living the Scout's motto: "Be prepared." Prepared we were.

There are many unsung heroes here, many wearing the uniforms of their respective services. As I've gone around, I've seen some big smiles. I should have the biggest smile of all, because I know that I've gotten more than I've given, all because of you and your selfless service and commitment to duty.

Other heroes in my book are Lt. Col. James Mis, the commander of Fort A.P. Hill, and his staff. Jim and his people have been great hosts. We have come here and transformed their community into our homes and offices. For their patience and cordiality, we are thankful and appreciative to them. Because of Jim and his staff's gracious hospitality and unconditional willingness to assist us, we have been successful in reaching our common goal.

In my welcome letter to you, I asked that you be good role models to the Scouts. You have done that in an outstanding fashion. Because of your service, you continue to weave blankets of freedom in which Americans can sleep safely and securely each night. Some of you will go to Iraq or Afghanistan or other places to continue to weave these freedom blankets so other peoples can also sleep safely and securely each night.

As the Scouts leave tomorrow, and most of you leave by the end of the week, remember to keep safety foremost in your mind. We must stay focused while finishing up our support mission, and while on the way home, so that we all can return safely.

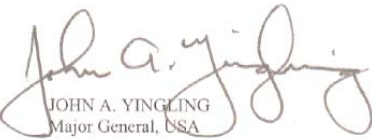
Again, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to you. Your hard work has made a big difference in young peoples' lives.

I am honored to have been your commander!

HOOAH!!



Photo by Army Sgt. Chris Pisano


JOHN A. YINGLING
Major General, USA
Commander,
Joint Task Force-National Scout Jamboree

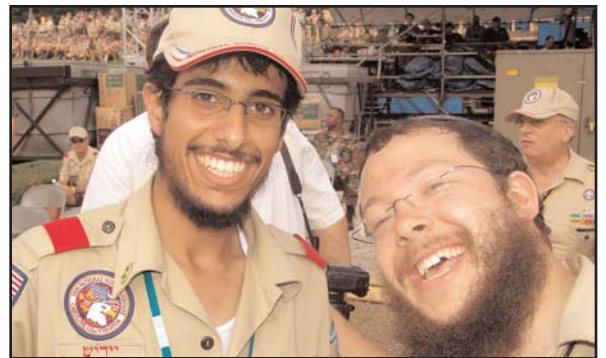
Words of thanks

**By Army Staff Sgt. Christopher Land,
204th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment**

Senior leaders of the Boy Scouts of America Members of Joint Task Force-National Scout Jamboree earned the respect and gratitude for their work supporting the 2005 National Scout Jamboree.

Top BSA and Jamboree leaders said they knew what they would say to members of the task force if they could talk to each of them individually.

"I would say, 'Thank you so very, very much for helping us make this a successful jamboree,'" said Francis H. Olmstead Jr., the Jamboree camp chief. "The support of the military and Maj. Gen. [John A.] Yingling has been outstanding. We really are a team."



Scouts in the crowd

Photos by Army Maj. Vince Mitchell

The National Scout Jamboree hosted some 35,000 Scouts from around the country and the world. The only entry requirement here was a love of all things Scouting.



Photo by Army Master Sgt. D. Keith Johnson

Top doc's Hill call

Navy Vice Adm. Richard A. Carmona, Surgeon General of the United States, addresses an audience of Scouts during a flag-raising ceremony Friday.

The little clinic that did

*By Army Sgt. Frank Pellegrini,
361st Press Camp Headquarters*

"We saw it coming," recalled Air Force Maj. Greg DeWolf. "We had the weather report. We'd had heat injuries earlier in the week, and exacerbations of other conditions like diabetes and hypertension in some of the older Scout leaders. But it was still...organized chaos."

DeWolf was referring, of course, to the rash of heat injuries during the Arena show Wednesday. He and the other medical treatment personnel at "Jambo General," the temporary field hospital set up in Wilcox Camp — which that day was pretty much everyone who knew his way around an IV — had filled their facility's 10-bed capacity and an empty barracks building next door. They'd worked 16-hour shifts and run through all their supplies. It had worked. They'd seen it coming, and they'd seen it through.

They knew that the President was expected to make up for his cancelled visit to the Jamboree — if not Thursday, then Sunday, and that meant they had to be ready to do it all over again.

So Tech. Sgt. Thomas Boyd made a run



Photo by Army Sgt. Frank Pellegrini

Just the way they like it: Beds lie empty in the Wilcox barracks room designated for patients with heat-related injuries who cannot be accommodated at the nearby Air Force clinic.

up to Washington, D.C.'s Walter Reed Army Medical Center and restocked the medical supplies. They warned everyone: When it comes to heat-injury healing, the second day is as important as the first. They cleaned up the place and got a little sleep. Then they waited for a second round that never came.

When the 2005 National Scout Jamboree goes away this week, "Jambo General" will go with it. The 50 Airmen of the 1st Medical Group who were here when we needed them — and when we didn't — will return to Langley Air Force Base and their regular medical duties there. They go with our thanks.

Arm-wrestling champ Scouts out competition

*By Staff Sgt. Liana Mayo
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How could you be afraid of this face? He gives his sweetest smile, and the kind eyes and scruffy beard that make him look more like grandpa than an intimidator. But when the game face comes on, it's a different story. In an instant, grandpa's gone and scary Wrestlemania man is in his place, wild-eyed and ready to take on his next opponent.

This crazy game face is part of the personality that Jan N. Schmeichel has gained notoriety for around camp. When this 5-time Jamboree volunteer who has been involved in Scouting for 45 years is not emptying dumpsters with his environmental cleanup crew, he enjoys taking on challengers in an animated arm-wrestling match. He feigns a struggle so well that one would never guess that he is ranked one of the top arm-wrestlers in the world.

"The face" has also helped the 60-year-old from Randolph, Mass. win scores of competitions the world over, from Canada to Africa. "Winning is only fifty percent



Photo by Army Spc. Jean-Carl Bertin

Jamboree volunteer Jan N. Schmeichel puts on his game face while arm-wrestling at the 2005 Scouting event.

strength. The rest is up to your speed, technique, psyching yourself up and psyching the other person out."

Some of Schmeichel's strategy was developed during his time as a greenberet. As a Special Forces member, he did a tour and a half in Vietnam and was awarded two purple hearts for injuries sustained in his leg and hand during a

fierce battle.

To become a member of the American arm-wrestling team, Schmeichel went to the national championships, and won. Once a year, Schmeichel and fellow Team USA wrestlers raise their own money to attend the world championships. The event is held in different countries, chosen by the World Arm-wrestling Federation.

"Last year in Durban, South Africa, I was beat by a Frenchman. Some of these guys are as big as a house," Schmeichel said. "So my goal is to get down to the 242-pound weight class by 2006, to increase my chances in England."

At home in Randolph, Mass., Schmeichel is a member of Troop 400, and a den leader for a Cub Scout pack.



Photo by Army Staff Sgt. Scott D. Turner

Going out with a bang...

Counterclockwise, from top left: Fireworks set the skies ablaze at the Arena Show closing ceremonies Sunday night.; Entertainers from the U.S. Army Band perform for the crowd; President Bush addresses the gathering; Army Maj. Gen. John A. Yingling, JTF-NSJ commander, salutes during the ceremony; Boy Scouts enjoy the show; Special effects light up the night; Gen. Yingling says hello to some Scouts.



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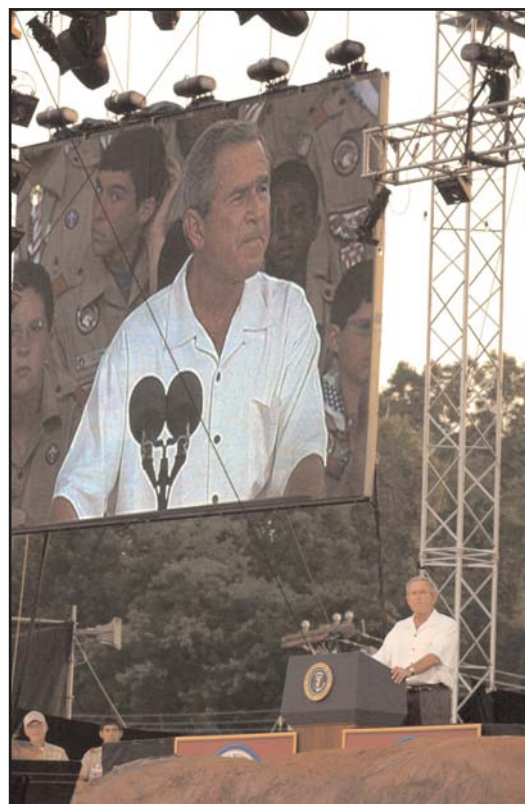


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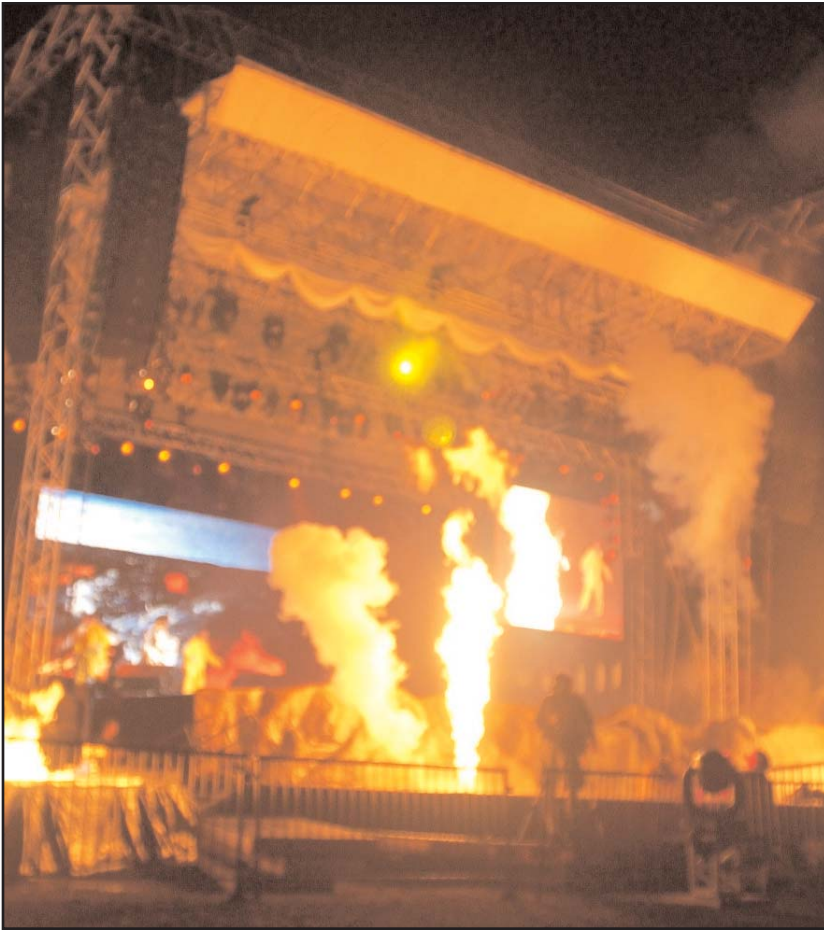


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Army Sgt. Addie Collins -- known to her listeners as "AC the Remix" -- updates the weather while a song plays.

This song goes out to both kinds of troops

**By Army Sgt. Frank Pellegrini,
361st Press Camp Headquarters**

Request-driven radio — with a little personality mixed in — was alive and well during this year's National Scout Jamboree in a tricked-out, camouflage-colored Ford F-550 truck at the Army Adventure Area.

From 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day, military deejays from the 356th Broadcast Operations Detachment (BOD) out of Fort Meade, Md., with some help from the 222nd BOD from Bell, Ca., and the 361st Press Camp Headquarters out of New York City, have been making 100.7 FM (call sign ARMY) a head-bobbing blend of popular music and command information that's been programmed almost exclusively by its Jamboree-going fans.

"No other radio station I've ever worked with breaks format as often as we do," said Staff Sgt. Greg Hickerson, as Sgt. Addie "AC the remix" Collins departed yet again Sunday from her "Golden Oldies" block to send some AC/DC out to Kyle Puulik of Troop 1025 out of Calumet, Ill. — and then remind Jamboree-goers to keep drinking water despite the newly temperate weather.

"That's the main reason we're here — command information," said Hickerson.

"We just use the music as a vehicle for getting that out there."

If that was true, "Big Hick" and company certainly had these troops fooled. Even before the usual lunch crowd descended on the nearby food kiosk, the cutting-edge Mobile Radio Television Station (MRTVS) — which is putting out real radio waves for the very first time this week — was thronged with Scouts logging requests and saying hello.

With 250 watts of head-bobbing power — just enough to reach most of the Jamboree goers at Fort A.P. Hill, but not enough to ruffle feathers at the commercial radio stations in the surrounding areas — these military jocks have been real crowd-pleasers.

"Our Soldiers have done a tremendous job on air and off," said Army Maj. Gary Sheftick. "The techs have kept everything running without a hiccup, and the broadcasters have received a lot of compliments from both the Scouts and the Joint Task Force."

"Perhaps listeners are picking up that these military 'jocks' love what they do. Gravel-piped Sgt. 1st Class James Ayers broke into radio with the Air Force in 1969 and went on to rank with the likes of Wolfman Jack and Cousin Brucie back in West Coast radio's personality-driven heyday. Now he's just a humble detachment sergeant with the 356th BOD -- and he's not complaining a bit.

"In major market radio, you're only as good as your ratings," Ayers said. "But doing it for the troops -- that's what it's all about. You get to bring a little bit of home to them out there in the field, and they really show their appreciation. I actually enjoy it now more than ever before, because I can really see the mission."

Whether it's in Iraq, Afghanistan or here at the National Scout Jamboree, it looks like those troops -- Boy Scout and otherwise -- are really hearing it.



Photo by Army Sgt. Frank Pellegrini

Staff Sgt. Greg Hickerson, left, and Spc. Brandon Gregory take requests from some young fans in Troop 1433.

Troop Talk

What was your favorite part of the Army Adventure Area?

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**Dan Somrack
Troop 1132, Ohio**

"I loved the climbing tower and the ROTC guys. It was cool getting a National Guard hat too."



**Chris Yau Lam-yip
12th Kowloon Groupo, Hong Kong**

"The helicopters. And the simulator where you get to play with the racecars."



**Kenneth E. NERGER
Troop 2044, New Jersey**

"The best part was getting my face painted up with the camouflage. I felt like I was Rambo."



**Conor E. Lynch
Troop 2044, New Jersey**

"The climbing tower on the obstacle course. And the rope bridge.."

Our story in pictures

Public Affairs reporters and broadcasters bring the world to you.



Counterclockwise from left to right: Broadcasters prepare for a shoot. Reporter meets the President. A group photo of the JTF Public Affairs Office. Lt. Gen. Honoré speaks with reporter. Photographers discuss their next shot. Two journalists enjoy a lighter moment. Ken Perrotte talks to a Boy Scout official. A Public Affairs officer mulls a decision.



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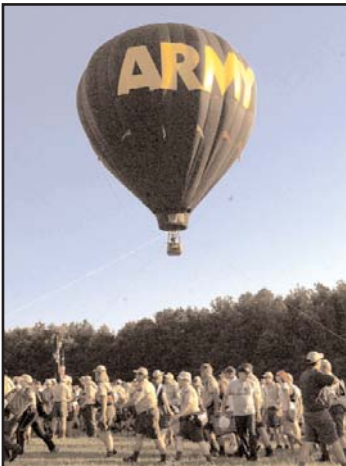


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